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SUBJ: FURTHER PRICE/FEE INCREASES

REF: LISBON 7685

1. ROP ENTITIES ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 30-31 FURTHER INCREASES  
IN PRICES AND FEES IN CONTINUING IMPLEMENTATION OF  
AUSTERITY PROGRAM.

2. PUBLIC TRANSIT AND TAXI FARES WERE RAISED BY SUBSTANTIAL  
AMOUNTS, BUT STILL REMAIN AMONG LOWEST IN EUROPE. LISBON SUB-  
WAY FARE RAISED 40 PERCENT TO 14 CENTS, BUSSES AND STREETCARS  
BY UP TO 40 PERCENT TO MAXIMUM 24 CENTS, AND TAXIS BY 20 PERCENT.  
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WORKERS' TICKETS FOR BUSSES AND STREETCARS ABOLISHED AND RE-

PLACED BY MONTHLY \$9.00 PASS. MANY INTER-URBAN BUS FARES ALSO RAISED BY 40 PERCENT. ANNUAL TELEVISION LICENSE FEE RAISED TO \$19-22, AND GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED COMBINATION OF AMNESTIES AND INCREASED PENALTIES TO INDUCE PAYMENT OF FEE.

3. COMMENT: BECAUSE OF GOVERNMENT "LEAKS," GASOLINE PRICE INCREASE CAME ALMOST AS ANTI-CLIMAX. GOVERNMENT ALSO PREPARING SIMILAR PSYCHOLOGICAL CLIMATE FOR RAISING PRICES OF DAIRY AND MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER BASIC FOODSTUFFS, AND FOR STIFF INCREASES IN SALES TAXES ON LUXURY IMPORTS. MEANWHILE, PRICES OF SOME OTHER NON-CONTROLLED ITEMS HAVE BEEN RISING SUBSTANTIALLY -- E.G., EGGS HAVE ALMOST DOUBLED TO AS MUCH AS \$1.50 A DOZEN WITHIN A FEW WEEKS. THE PORTUGUESE CONSUMER IS STARTING TO BE REALLY PINCHED, WITH MUCH MORE TO COME. IN SPITE OF "PREPARATION," DISSATISFACTION WITH RISING PRICES IS ALREADY EVIDENT.

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